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SUBJECT PRESS RELEASE ON EXIMBANK CREDITS TO JAPAN AND NORWAY

FOR YOUR INFORMATION ONLY, FOLLOWING IS FINAL TEXT OF EXPORT-IMPORT BANK RELEASE ON THE DIRECT CREFITS TO JAPAN AND NORWAY TOTALLING \$7,287,829. RELEASE IS SCHEDULED FOR ANNOUNCEMENT HERE IN WASHINGTON, D.C. FOR A.M. PAPERS, THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 1975.

QUOTE: EXIMBANK SUPPORTS USED AND NEW U.S. AIRCRAFT SALES TO JAPAN AND NORWAY

THE EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF THE UNITED STATES WILL SUPPORT U.S. AIRCRAFT SALES TOTALLING \$18,219,573 TO COMPANIES IN JAPAN AND NORWAY WITH TWO DIRECT CREDITS TOTALLING \$7,287,829 ACCORDING UNCLASSIFIED

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TO EXIMBANK'S CHAIRMAN WILLIAM J. CASEY.

ONE CREDIT OF \$4,520,000 TO C. ITOH & COMPANY, LTD., OF TOKYO WILL HELP FINANCE THE PURCHASE TO TWO USED DC-8-61 JET AIRCRAFT AND RELATED EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES FROM EASTERN AIR LINES OF NEW YORK, NEW YORK, COSTING \$11.3 MILLION. THE AIRCRAFT ARE CURRENTLY BEING USED IN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN JAPAN UNDER A LEASE FROM EASTERN AIR LINES WHICH WILL EXPIRE IN MARCH 1977.

THE EXIMBANK LOAN REPRESENTS 40 PERCENT OF THE U.S. COSTS. A CREDIT OF \$5,650,000 FROM PRIVATE SOURCES NOT YET DESIGNATED WILL COVER 50 PERCENT OF THE U.S. COSTS AND THE BORROWER WILL MAKE CASH PAYMENT OF 10 PERCENT REPRESENTING THE BALANCE OF THE U.S. COSTS. INTEREST ON EXIMBANK'S LOAN WILL BE AT 8 1/2 PERCENT PER ANNUM. THIS RATE, COMBINED WITHE ESTIMATED INTEREST RATE OF PRIVATE SOURCES, WHICH IS BASED ON CURRENT RATES, WILL RESULT IN A BLENDED ANNUAL INTEREST COST TO THE BORROWER OF 8.75 PERCENT TO 9 PERCENT.

THE LOANS ARE TO BE REPAID IN 8 SEMIANNUAL INSTALLMENTS BEGINNING MARCH 15, 1976, WITH REPAYMENT OF EXIMANK'S LOAN TO BE GUARANTEED BY THE INDUSTRIAL BANK OF JAPAN IN TOKYO.

THE OTHER EXIMBANK CREDIT IS FOR \$2,767,829 IN FAVOR OF BRAATHENS S.A.F.E. OF OSLO, AND WILL HELP FINANCE A \$6,919,573 PURCHASE OF ONE BOEING 737-200 JET AIRCRAFT WITH RELATED GOODS AND SERVIES FROM THE BOEING COMPANY OF SEATTLE. WASHINGTON.

BRRAATHENS S.A.F.E. OPERATES DOMESTIC ROUTES IN NORWAY AND CHARTER FLIGHTS ORIGINATING IN NORWAY AND SWEDEN TO POINTS THROUGH EUROPE, AND DOES NOT COMPETE WITH U.S. CARRIERS. SINCE BOEING COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT PRODUCTION IS FAR BELOW DAPACITY, EXIMBANK'S SUPPORT IN THIS TRANSACTION WILL HELP UWMS. EMPLOYMENT. AXIMBANK HAS PROVIDED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THREE PREVIOUS BOEING 837 PURCHASES BY BRRAATHENS.

THE EXIMBANK CREDIT IN THE CURRENT TRANSAXTION REPRESENT 40 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL U.S. COSTS. A CREDIT OF \$3,459,787 FROM PRIVATE SOURCES NOT YET DESIGNATED WILL FINANCE 50 PERCENT OF THE U.S. COSTS AND THE BORROWER WILL MAKE CASH PAYMENT OF 10 PERCENT REPRESENTING THE BALANCE OF THE U.S. COSTS. UNCLASSIFIED

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THE LOANS ARE TO BE REPAID IN 20 SEMIANNUAL INSTALLEMENTS WITH EXIMBANK'S LOAN TO BE REPAID OUT OF A PORTION OF THE 12 TH

INSTALLMENT AND ALL OF INSTALLMENTS 13 THROUGH 20. REPAYMENT OF EXIMBANK'E LOAN IS TO BE GUARANTEED BY DEN NORSKE CRERITBANK. UNQUOTE	
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